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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-10,12-15,20-23 and 25-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-10,12-15,20-23 and 25-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

I. The Art Unit location of this application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit 2617.

The current office-action is in response to the amendments filed on 03/03/2006.

Accordingly, Claims 2-3, 11, 16-19, and 24 are cancelled. Claims 25-36 are added. All pending claims are produced below. Claims 1, 4-10, 12-15, and 20-23, 25-36 are pending for further examination as follows:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

II. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

III. Claims 1, 5, 7-10, 12-15, and 20-23, 25-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Warren [US 6999792].

As per claim 1, Warren teaches:

A peripheral device (10; Fig.1) for operation in conjunction with a wireless communication device (12; Fig.1), the peripheral device (Abstract, Col.4; 15-24) comprising:

An alphanumeric keyboard (16; Fig.1, Col.4; 25-35) operable to receive user input data; (Col.4; 25-35)

A communication interface (28; Fig.1) operable to control transfer of processed data to the wireless communication device, the processed data for processing by an application on the wireless communication device, and to control the transfer of data received from the wireless communication device (Col.4; 36-43, Col.6; 61-Col.7; 8)

A display (20; Fig.1, Col.4; 25-35) to display processed data and the data received from the wireless communication device; (Col.4; 25-35) and

A processor (36; Fig.2) coupled to the alphanumeric keyboard, the communication interface, and the display, operable to execute a peripheral application using the user input data and the data received from the wireless communication device thereby generating the processed data; (Col.5; 62-Col.6; 10)

The peripheral application synchronizing only the processed data with the application on the wireless communication device. (i.e. access information; Col.3; 4-22, Col.4; 44-62, Col.9; 51-67).

As per claim 5, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising a backup memory, operably coupled to the communication interface, for storing a backup copy of data received from said wireless communication device. (Col.6; 36-38)

As per claim 7, Warren teaches:

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The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein said communication interface further transmits a signal to said wireless communication device directing said wireless communication device to transmit at least one data item and a data request via a network connection. (i.e. internet; Col.4; 36-43, Col.9; 51-67)

As per claim 8, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein said communication interface further receives a signal from said wireless communication device representing at least one data item received by said wireless communication device via a network connection. (i.e. internet; Col.4; 36-43, Col.9; 51-67)

As per claim 9, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 7, wherein said communication interface further transmits a signal to said wireless communication device directing said wireless communication device to transmit at least one data item and a data request via the Internet. (i.e. internet; Col.4; 36-43, Col.9; 51-67)

As per claim 10, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein said communication interface further receives a signal from said wireless communication device representing at least one data item received by said wireless communication device via the Internet. (i.e. access information; Col.3; 4-22, Col.4; 44-62, Col.9; 51-67)

As per claim 12, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 6, further comprising an enclosure having an opened position and a closed position, wherein said predetermined event for establishing connectivity is the transition of said enclosure from said closed position to said open position. (Col.4; 15-24 and abstract)

As per claim 13, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 6, wherein said predetermined event for establishing connectivity is a signal transmitted by said wireless communication device. (i.e. access information; Col.3; 4-22, Col.4; 44-62, Col.9; 51-67)

As per claim 14, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein said processed data is stored in a storage medium on said peripheral device. (i.e. memory, 38; Fig.2; Col.5; 62-65)

As per claim 15, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein said processed data is stored in a storage medium on said wireless communication device. (i.e. memory, 38; Fig.2; Col.5; 62-65)

As per claim 20, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising a network interface, coupled to said processor, for transmitting at least one of a data item and a data request via a network connection, and for receiving at least one data item via said network connection. (i.e. internet; Col.4; 36-43)

As per claim 21, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 1, wherein said communication interface further receives, from said wireless communication device, software code for at least one software application. (Col.4; 44-62)

As per claim 22, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 1, further comprising memory for storing the data received from wireless communication device and the processed data. (i.e. memory, 38; Fig.2; Col.5; 62-65)

As per claim 23, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 22, wherein said memory stores said application data and said processed data from one user session to at least one subsequent user session. (Col.4; 44-62)

As per claim 26, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the display comprises graphics processor for rendering full-screen display. (10; Fig.2, Col.4; 63-67)

As per claim 27, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the alphanumeric keyboard comprises a QWERTY keyboard. (16; Fig.1, Col.4; 25-35)

As per claim 28, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a processor configured to process the manipulated visually presented data prior to transmitting to the handheld computer system. (10; Fig.2, Col.4; 63-67)

As per claim 29, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a memory to temporarily store the visually presented data and the manipulated visually presented data. (10; Fig.2, Col.4; 63-67)

As per claim 30, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a storage medium configured to store data. (i.e. memory, 38; Fig.2; Col.5; 62-65)

As per claim 31, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 30, wherein the storage medium comprises a solid state storage medium. (i.e. memory, 38; Fig.2; Col.5; 62-65)

As per claim 32, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the communication interface comprises a Bluetooth communication interface. (Col.6; 33-36)

As per claim 33, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the communication interface comprises a tethered communication interface. (Col.6; 33-36)

As per claim 34, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 25, further comprising a power management module configured to instantly place the display and the alphanumeric keyboard in an instant on state or an instant off state. (40; Fig.2, Col.5; 63-65)

As per claim 35, Warren teaches:

The peripheral device of claim 25, wherein the handheld computing system comprises a personal digital assistant. (10; Fig.2, Col.5; 41-50)

As per claims 25, 36 Warren teaches:

A peripheral device (10; Fig.1) for a handheld computing system (Abstract, Col.4; 15-24), the peripheral device comprising:

A communication interface (28; Fig.1) structured to receive data from the handheld computing system and transmit processed data to the handheld computing system, wherein the

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data from the handheld computing system and the processed data are for processing by a handheld application on the handheld computing system, (Col.4; 36-43, Col.6; 61-Col.7; 8)

A display (20; Fig.1, Col.4; 25-35) communicatively coupled with the communication interface and structured to visually present the data from the handheld computing system and the processed data;

An alphanumeric keyboard (16; Fig.1, Col.4; 25-35) hingedly coupled with the display and structured to receive an a user input, the user input being for manipulating the visually presented data; and

A processor (36; Fig.2) coupled to the communication interface, the alphanumeric keyboard, and the display and configured to execute a peripheral application using the user input and the data from the handheld computing system thereby generating the processed data (Col.5; 62-Col.6; 10), the peripheral application synchronizing only the processed data with the handheld application. (i.e. access information; Col.3; 4-22, Col.4; 44-62, Col.9; 51-67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

IV. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any

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evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

V. Claims 4 & 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Warren in view of Guerlin et al. [US 5870680].

As per claim 4, Warren teaches all the particulars of the claim except peripheral device automatically turns on in response to at least one predefined event. However, Guerlin teaches in an analogous art, that the peripheral device of claim 1, wherein said peripheral device automatically turns on in response to at least one predefined event. (i.e. When it has not received any scanning messages in a predetermined time interval, the microprocessor 240 in the microcomputer 2 commands the activity controller 242 via the bus Bca' to deactivate/activate the clock circuits timing the microprocessor 240 and the interface circuit 25; Col.6; 17-28, Col.7; 1-8) Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Warren including peripheral device automatically turns on in response to at least one predefined event in order to provide making provision for placing the microprocessors and the input-output interface circuits in the mobile telephone and the microcomputer on standby.

As per claim 6, Warren teaches all the particulars of the claim except communication interface is adapted to automatically establish connectivity with said peripheral device in response to at least one predefined event. However, Guerlin teaches in an analogous art, that the peripheral device of claim 1, wherein said communication interface is adapted to automatically establish connectivity with said peripheral device in response to at least one predefined event. (i.e. When it has not received any scanning messages in a predetermined time interval, the microprocessor 240 in the microcomputer 2 commands the activity controller 242 via the bus Bca' to deactivate/activate the clock circuits timing the microprocessor 240 and the interface circuit 25; Col.6; 17-28, Col.7; 1-8).

Response to Amendments & Arguments

VI. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 4-10, 12-15, and 20-23, 25-36 has been fully considered but is moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

VII. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a). A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the

THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharad Rampuria whose telephone number is (571) 272-7870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F. (8:30-5).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on (571) 272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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